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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 111

By Hargrove

A RESOLUTION to recognize Mr. Billy Frank Hendley on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Billy Frank Hendley is one such estimable person who on May 31, 2000, ended a profitable 36-year career as the owner and operator of a Phillips 66 service station and Bill's Upholstery Shop, both in Franklin, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, Billy Frank Hendley was born on May 31, 1938 in Hillsdale, the oldest son of the late Wilbert "Wilby" J. and Ida Mae Taylor Hendley; Billy's father, Wilbert, was originally from the Pine Hill community in Clay County, and Billy's mother, Ida Mae, grew up in the Macon County town of Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, Billy moved with his family to Union Township, Indiana in 1943 where he began his education; Billy Hendley attended a number of schools during his childhood. He was a student at Union Township, Nineveh, Needham, Spearsville, Mt. Auburn, and Hopewell elementary schools, before attending Trafalgar Elementary and High School; and

WHEREAS, exhibiting a Volunteer Spirit that all Tennesseans and native Tennesseans inherently possess, Billy joined the Indiana Army National Guard in 1956; he served three consecutive enlistments from 1956-66, including that of Ordnance Parts Specialist, Ordnance Supply Specialist, and Light Truck Driver; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, Mr. Hendley had the distinct opportunity to enroll in the United States Army Quartermasters School at Fort Lee, Virginia, under the direction of Governor Matthew E. Welsh. During his tenure there, he obtained a superior rating and graduated with honors from the Canvas and Webbed Equipment Repair Course; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hendley lent his expertise on January 17, 1965, when Governor Branigin called out the National Guard for a snow emergency; during his time of service in the National Guard, Mr. Hendley thrice earned the Sharpshooter Badge and, in 1966, was honorably discharged with ten years of service and the rank of Sergeant (SP5 E-5); and

WHEREAS, he spent nine years working for the Military Department of Indiana (USPFO), from 1956-65, as a trades helper, junior mechanic, painter, canvas and leather repairman, and automotive repairman; at the end of his tenure with the USPFO, he had advanced to Level 11 (NGW 11-3); and

WHEREAS, in 1964, Billy began the rewarding and profitable journey of self-employment; he owned and managed the Phillips 66 service station on US Highway 31 and started his own upholstery business on South Main Street in Franklin, Indiana, named Bill's Upholstery Shop; by 1984, he had built the thriving upholstery business into a full-time occupation and so decided to quit driving a truck for Roadway Express, Inc. of Indianapolis, as a "second job" that he had had for eighteen years until he could get the entrepreneurial venture "off the ground"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hendley is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous civic organizations, including the Eli Lilly American Legion Post #374 of Indianapolis, the Tennessee Monument Commission, Inc. of Tennessee, the Indiana-Tennessee Civil War Memorial Commission, and the White River Valley Region's

Antique Car Club of America, and lending his support to the Johnson County Association for Retarded Citizens at the Gateway Learning Center; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hendley is fortunate to share the love and support of his devoted wife of almost 42 years, Marilyn Jo Snyder Hendley; of this blessed union five children were born, Bryan D. Hendley, Terri L. Webb, Steven W. Hendley, Timothy H. Hendley, and Carol M. Getinger; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hendley also contributes his time and numerous talents to the Hendley Family Association, of which he was elected to serve on the first Board of Directors on November 22, 1975, a post he held until 1977; he hosted the first reunion of the Francis Marion Hendley branch of the Hendley Family Association and was the original signatory to the Association's charter; he was duly elected to serve as the second National President of the Hendley Family Association, Incorporated of Tennessee from 1978-79; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hendley exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true native son of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Billy Hendley has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his peers and superiors alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Mr. Billy Frank Hendley our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.